

Military Training Network Symposium at the
2006 Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update Conference

Call for Presentations

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Background

The Department of Defense (DoD) Health Council established the Military Training Network (MTN) in 1982. The MTN adapts, implements, and administers resuscitative medicine training programs to support the needs of the DoD, US Coast Guard, and other US government organizations. The MTN is recognized as an American Heart Association (AHA) Region and Training Center. The MTN delivers AHA Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC) training programs including Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support through a network of 500 affiliated training sites worldwide. Over 230,000 personnel complete training annually; making the MTN the AHA's largest Training Center.

Purpose

The primary purpose of the MTN symposium is to provide professional development for our faculty/cadre. The MTN relies on the abilities of training site program directors, administrators, and over 11,000 instructors to achieve its mission. In order to provide a comprehensive educational offering, the MTN has partnered with the Citizen CPR Foundation (CCPRF) to host the MTN symposium as part of CCPRF's Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update (ECCU) conference. ECCU 2006 is the fourteenth in a series of international biennial conferences on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and other aspects of emergency cardiovascular care.

The ECCU conference focuses on:

- Strengthening the Chain of Survival through early EMS access, early CPR, early defibrillation and early advanced care
- Examining and discussing changes in the ECC Guidelines
- Developing strategies for the management of cardiac arrest and stroke
- Improving out-of-hospital and in-hospital response to emergencies
- Transferring the science of resuscitation into teaching and learning strategies
- Prevention of cardiovascular disease and stroke.

The MTN symposium focuses on:

- Resuscitative medicine in operational environments
- Discussion and dissemination of new ECC Guidelines
- Medical readiness, mobility and community preparedness training
- Cooperative training endeavors with host nation personnel or civilian organizations
- Training program administration, quality improvement and best practices

MTN Symposium Format and Topics

The symposium is a full day conference with:

- 50-minute plenary sessions featuring presentations from military and civilian experts
- A lunch time key note address
- 25 and 50-minute concurrent break-out presentations in the afternoon

Applicants may apply to present in one or more of the following three formats:

1. Plenary sessions-This is a 40-minute presentation plus 10-minute question-and-answer period delivered to the entire symposium audience. Four presentations will be selected.
2. 50 minute concurrent sessions-This is a 40-minute presentation plus 10-minute question-and-answer period delivered in afternoon breakout sessions. Afternoon sessions are divided by program (ACLS, BLS, PALS). Three presentations will be selected.
3. 25 minute concurrent sessions-This is a 20-minute presentation, plus five-minute question-and-answer period delivered in afternoon breakout sessions. Three or more presentations will be selected.

Topics must address at least one of the following areas of emphasis:

- Science including ECC guidelines, trauma resuscitation or combat causality care
- Medical readiness training including programs for in garrison, pre-deployment, or operational environments
- Community medical preparedness including lay-responders, host nation interaction, or public access to defibrillation programs
- Professional development of MTN ECC Instructors including recruitment, training, renewal, monitoring or mentoring
- Program implementation including command support, training equipment/materials, budgeting, administration, or computerized databases

Presentation Application and Submission Guidelines

1. All application packages must be electronically submitted to the MTN by email to rshercliffe@usuhs.mil. However, the signed USUHS disclosure form must be submitted by fax (DSN 295.1717 commercial 301.295.1717).
2. Without exception, submissions must be received by **November 30, 2005**.
3. The presentations for plenary or concurrent session must include following information:
 - The Uniformed University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) Presentation worksheet.
 - Attach a narrative description of your session (not to exceed 50 words) that will be used to promote your session in the registration brochure
 - Presentations of scientific research or other published works must also provide an abstract (not to exceed 250 words) for inclusion in the final syllabus
 - A USUHS biographic data sheet
 - Preferred Format: plenary session, concurrent session (25 or 50 minute)
 - Program Focus: ACLS, BLS, PALS, or all
 - A USUHS conflict of interest disclosure form

4. Accepted applications and presentation notes/slides will be published in the MTN symposium 2006 Final Program Syllabus. Presenter's slideshows, handouts, or other materials will be collected during the symposium and distributed to attendees via CD-ROM.
5. Individuals who are interested in also presenting at the ECCU conference should go to the Citizen CPR Foundation website at www.citizencpr.org for detailed information.

Selection Process and Criteria

A committee comprised of MTN National Faculty will evaluate application materials via a blind process. The MTN Symposium Planning Committee will review recommendations from this committee and will be responsible for final selections.

Evaluations of concurrent and scientific abstracts will be based on the following criteria:

Applications will be rated on a four point scale as follows: 4 = Outstanding, 3 = Very Good, 2 = Good, and 1 = Poor. Ratings will be based on content and method of presentation. The quality of the presentation content is the most important factor in the selection process. Quality will be determined based on relevance, significance, originality, innovation, and accuracy. The appeal of the proposed method of presentation, given the presentation content, will also influence selection. The method of presentation for concurrent sessions may range from a lecture to hands-on workshop, to panel discussion using a variety of audiovisual techniques. Content is generally presented as lectures, but various educational methods may be used.

Entitlements of Acceptance

Plenary Session Presenters: Upon acceptance, each presenter will be awarded registration at the MTN symposium and registration at ECCU conference at the early bird rate. Those chosen will be responsible for their own travel, food, and hotel arrangements.

Concurrent Session Presenters: Upon acceptance, each primary presenter will receive free registration at the MTN Symposium and registration at the ECCU conference at the early bird rate. Those chosen will be responsible for their own travel, food and hotel arrangements. Additional presenters may participate and have their names listed in the symposium brochure, but will be responsible for their own ECCU registration fees, hotel, food, and travel.

MTN Point of Contact

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